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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOPN, OGEN, UR, US
SUBJECT: TEMPORARY DETENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

1. CBS CORRESPONDENT BERNARD REDMONT PHONED PRESS ATTACHE 11:45
LOCAL TIME JULY 12 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD BEEN DETAINED BY SOVIET
MILITIA FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES EARLIER SAME MORNING.

2. ACCORDING TO REDMONT, HE AND WEST GERMAN CAMERAMAN (ALSO CBS
EMPLOYEE) WERE FILMING STAND-UP PIECE ON SOVIET BEER PRODUCTION
OUTSIDE STREET CORNER BEER HALL WHEN ONE (APPARENTLY INTOXICATED)
SOVIET CITIZEN ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE WITH FILMING. MILITIAMAN
ARRIVED ON SCENE AND HELD REDMONT AND CAMERAMAN ABOUT 30 MINUTES
BEFORE PLAINCLOTHESMAN TOOK PAIR TO LOCAL STATION HOUSE.
(SOVIET WHO CAUSED INCIDENT WAS APPARENTLY LET GO.) AFTER
APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AT STATION, REDMONT REQUESTED PERMISSION
TO CONTACT EMBASSY. INSTEAD, HE AND CAMERAMAN WERE RELEASED.
FILM WAS NOT RPT NOT CONFISCATED.

3. REDMONT SAID HE WOULD COME TO EMBASSY LATER IN DAY WITH
FULLER ACCOUNT THAN CONVEYED IN BRIEF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.
EMBASSY WILL ADVISE OF ANY FURTHER DETAILS WHICH MIGHT BEAR
ON MATTER.

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4. IN VIEW OF FACTS THAT REDMONT WAS RELEASED FAIRLY PROMPTLY
AND HIS FILM WAS NOT TAKEN, WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO VIEW INCIDENT
AS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS ONE. HOWEVER, IT IS FURTHER EXAMPLE
OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS OF
JOURNALISTS AND WE BELIEVE MATTER SHOULD BE DRAWN TO ATTENTION
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INITIAL EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD SUGGEST
A CONNECTION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REDMONT (AND HIS CAMERAMAN)
HAD FILMED INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR FIVE DAYS EARLIER WHICH
WAS GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY IN U.S. AND EXCERPTED OVER VOA.
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